



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING

REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN FORMER HOLCHEM FACILITY a.k.a. Former Chase Chemical Site 13540 & 13546 Desmond Street, Pacoima, California

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: April 20, 2005 to May 20, 2005

PUBLIC HEARING: May 4, 2005, 6:30 p.m.
Telfair Elementary School Auditorium
10975 Telfair Avenue, Pacoima, CA

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) a department within the California Environmental Protection Agency invites you to review and comment on a proposal to clean up the soil and groundwater at the Former Holchem Facility a.k.a Chase Chemical Site located at 13540 and 13546 Desmond Street in Pacoima. The proposal is called a draft "Remedial Action Plan," or a Draft "RAP." The proposal to treat the contaminated soil, as detailed in the Draft RAP, is to continue operation of the existing soil vapor extraction system. For groundwater, the proposal is to install and operate a groundwater pump and treat system and a bio-sparg system (a process that involves blowing air into the groundwater to "strip" away contamination and the resulting vapors are captured by the SVE system).

The facility was used for the storage and resale of industrial chemicals. Over the years of operation, chemicals are believed to have leaked from drums or tanks in or onto the property, and into the soil and groundwater. The property, which is covered with concrete, does not pose a risk to public health, but clean up is required because of future potential health risks and risk to drinking water located further south of the property if the pollution is not cleaned up. To date, the property has been extensively investigated largely pursuant to a Consent Decree.

DTSC has prepared a Draft Negative Declaration which is based on a Special Initial Study. The Special Initial Study is a study into the potential significant adverse impacts on the environment from the cleanup project. The Draft Negative Declaration is our finding that the proposed action under the Draft RAP will not result in potentially significant adverse impacts to the environment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the **Draft RAP and Draft Negative Declaration** during the 30-day public comment period which starts on April 20, 2005 and ends on May 20, 2005. Your participation is encouraged. Written comments on the draft RAP may be submitted to Dr. Gabriel Farkas, DTSC, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201; email: gfaras@dtsc.ca.gov. **Comments must be postmarked or emailed by May 20, 2005.**

You may also submit your comments during the **Public Hearing which will be held at 6:30 p.m. on May 4, 2005** at the Telfair Elementary School Auditorium.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Copies of the Draft RAP, Draft Negative Declaration and Special Initial Study are available at the Pacoima Public Library, 13605 Van Nuys Blvd., Pacoima, phone # (818) 899-5203 and in our office at 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale. To view them at our office, please contact Ms. Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886. For more information, please contact Dr. Gabriel Farkas, Project Manager, (818) 551-2865, gfaras@dtsc.ca.gov or Maya Akula, Public Participation Specialist, (818) 551-2917, makula@dtsc.ca.gov.

Notice to the Hearing Impaired & Meeting Room Accessibility

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Maya Akula at (818) 551-2917. To request reasonable accommodations, please contact Maya Akula at (818) 551-2917 at least one week in advance of the meeting.